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FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 2720 ACTIONSECSTATE INFO MOGADISCIO  
ADDIS ABABA MOSCOW ROME LIBREVILLE CAIRO MONROVIA JIDDA TEHRAN  
SANA KHARTOUM LONDON PARIS BONN DJIBOUTI NAIROBI USUN GENEVA  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 2720

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, SO, ET, UNSC, OAU

SUBJECT: OAU MEDIATION OF ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI PROBLEM

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43\*: LAGOS 2643

1. GARBA TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD INVITED ETHIOPIA,  
SOMALIA, AND THE OAU EIGHT-NATION GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE TO  
MEET TOGETHER IN LAGOS IN MID-MARCH IN ATTEMPT RESOLVE HORN  
CONFLICT. MEETING WOULD BE AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. WHEN I  
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ASKED WHETHER, GIVEN APPARENT INTRANSIGENCE FROM BOTH SIDES  
TO THE DISPUTE, ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA IN FACT WOULD ATTEND,  
HE SAID HE DID NOT YET KNOW WHAT THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE.  
IF THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AND PRODUCED SATISFACTORY RESULTS,  
IT WOULD BE FOLLOWED VERY SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY ANOTHER MEETING  
IN LAGOS OF THE SAME PARTICIPANTS BUT AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL.  
PENDING THE OUTCOME OF HIS CALL FOR THE LAGOS MEETING, GARBA

SAID HE CONTINUED TO OPPOSE ANY SECURITY COUNCIL OR UNITED NATIONS ROLE. HE IMPLIED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH A ROLE IF HIS CURRENT INITIATIVE FAILS.

2. MUST WE MAINTAIN EXDIS HANDLING OF THIS TRAFFIC?

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE CAPITALS. WE CAN'T FIND OUR LIST. EASUM. UNQUOTE VANCE

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